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DEPOSITS AND LOANS LARGER

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STATEMENT SHOWS GOOD RECORD

Over \$3,000,000 Gain in Deposits and Almost Equal Expansion in Loans Since a Year Ago in February.

Deposits in Omaha and South Omaha banks have increased \$3,196,000 and the loans of the institutions \$2,941,322 in the last year, \$488,274 of the deposits and \$138,814 of the increased loans being the gain since the last statement of 1908 on November 27. Particular strength is shown in the Omaha banks, and according to the statements issued to the comptroller of the currency Tuesday at the close of business February 5, a remarkable record has been made, especially when the figures are compared with those of just one year ago, when the banks had a good supply of money on hand and were expanding their loans wherever possible. South Omaha banks are in a healthy condition, however, a new bank which opened in that city only one year ago has more than doubled its deposits since last February and greatly increased its loans. With another statement it expects to be in the half million class, when it comes to deposits.

The following shows the deposits of the banks at the close of business February 5, 1909, as compared with the deposits when the comptroller called for the statement February 14, 1908:

Table with 3 columns: Bank Name, Feb. 5, '09, Feb. 14, '08. Includes First National, Omaha National, Merchants National, Nebraska National, Union S. Y. National, Packers National, Live Stock National.

More Money Working.
Loans of the banks of Omaha and South Omaha as shown in the present statement and that of one year ago, compare as follows:

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Almost without exception the individual banks of Omaha and South Omaha have also made gains over the deposits, as shown in the last statement of 1908, which was called for at the close of business November 27. The deposits and loans as shown in that statement were as follows:

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The Order of the Eagles.

OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: With a good deal of regret members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles have been reading recently assertions touching the character of this organization. These are based on entirely false premises. Ignorance of the real object and work of the Eagles could alone warrant the preachment that have been put forth. First, a saintly and sinless critic of all other men, printing a paper at Lincoln, felt called upon to throw a crack at W. J. Bryan. This Christian-like fulmination, coming from the duly appointed church of the conscience of Nebraska church folk, has led to other papers taking up the cry, and in this morning's Bee the Sterling News is credited with an article in which occurs these words: "The Eagles, the recognized order of the saloon-keepers, brewers and distillers of the country."

This is a purely gratuitous attack. It is true that we take in men of any and all callings recognized by law. We sometimes make mistakes, as all fraternal orders do, in accepting applications for membership; but we also expel and drop from the rolls those we find unworthy. Rev. Dr. F. M. Sisson, formerly of South Omaha, a Methodist minister of high standing and attainments was a member of the order while he resided in South Omaha, and is still. Other ministers in various parts of the country are active members, and find nothing in our tenets or practices to be ashamed of. We follow the theory that no man falls so low but that there is hope, and a way, if we have the will, to bring him up again. We are not a sect. Who will quarrel with that belief? We believe that money is accumulated in our treasuries to do as much good as may be. Therefore, we bury the dead decently, and before they die we have committees do all that can be done to make their sickness and travail as easily borne as is humanly possible. We spend vast amounts of money every year for purposes of good work, and not one cent for political or other similar purposes; further, we make no boast of our expenditures along lines that the whole world commends when the facts are known, no matter what name the doer may bear.

As to Mr. Bryan and his membership, a little history will keep matters straight. No one will accuse the writer of being a political friend of Mr. Bryan, but in common with most citizens I may be permitted to admire him, and to like him for his many lovable personal traits. It was I, accompanied by the secretary and the physicians of Lincoln Aerio No. 147, who went to Mr. Bryan's home some time last summer and took his application for membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was thoroughly advised of what the order stands for, what it has done, is doing, and hopes to do for purposes of good work, and got the bottom facts, because he was not entirely free from at least a taint of the notions recently exploited. He had to be shown, and it was only after being shown, with eyes wide open, that he got his application.

The question of time for initiation was left in abeyance, pending the fight then on, and I believe Mr. Bryan would have fulfilled his obligation to become actively acquainted with the order as readily if he had been elected president as he did when defeat was his portion. It was the judgment of Past Grand Worthy President Bell, and of the local officers, that Mr. Bryan's initiation should be deferred until after election; and that rule would have governed with any man of any party in similar circumstances. We do feel that he will never have cause to regret his action, whether as private citizen or in possible official station.

President Roosevelt is, I believe, an honorary member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and many of the leading physicians, lawyers and business men of the cities and towns east and west are loyal, energetic members. Here in Omaha, we include in our membership a great many most admirable men in every walk of life. Think of the numberless series in the smaller towns of the country—saloon men being known in a large proportion—where the general run of citizenship is fully represented. Thousands of our members are farmers, other thousands laboring men, clerks and traveling men. Growth of the order is the result of a natural phenomenon in the real sense of that word.

After having heard the lectures and instructions of the initiation, Mr. Bryan conducted a notable little talk under the head "Good of the Order," with the words of a man all those indicative critics of the Eagles profess to follow: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." He who accepted the challenge may be without sin—and if so, Eagles will rejoice with the angels with whom he assumes to hold daily communion.

This communication is pardonable only as a man may be permitted to state the truth for those who may be misled. JOHN J. RYDER, State Pres. Fraternal Order of Eagles.

DREAM AT THE STATE HOUSE.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am the editor of the paper cannot explain, but I found myself somehow at the state capitol. In the hall where our astute law-makers spend some hours each day in frantic effort to save the country and the commonwealth. The scene was for the moment rather dull and commonplace, more routine work, and I must have dozed as I leaned idly back in my seat. Suddenly I awoke with a start and began to take notice. Some member was making a speech. He spoke loudly, earnestly and with great fervor, while the house listened in awed silence. It might have been Taylor of Custer, but as to that I cannot say, but whoever he was spoke with that indomitable courage which has made heroes and martyrs in all ages.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I must protest in the name of the people of our fair state against the tendency you have so far shown to crucify in the name of the state the efforts, and that man not even a member of this body. I must warn you against this un-American state of things. Are we Romans and this man our Caesar? Are we slaves?"—and here the speaker threw an attitude—"Are we slaves and is he our master? Perish the man who would treat a freeborn citizen of this republic should acknowledge is the Almighty and the people (the speaker said 'peepul,' but let that pass).

"Now then, here is a man who is no doubt a bright and shining light in the democratic party, but he is—I ask you in all candor—is he the whole thing? Is he it, in fact? The election returns of last fall did not seem to indicate that he is, and I confess to myself that I cannot see why this body cannot pass a law of any kind, unless it is some trifling thing like a bill regulating the lengths of bed sheets, or whether a shirtwaist should have buttons before or behind, without first consulting on behalf of this one man and asking him in a voice of supplication to graciously please to deign to look upon this little bill and see if it meets with his

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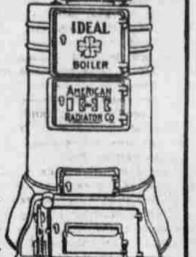
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MILO M. POTTER, Manager

Northwestern in Colorado

Will Extend Casper Line in Routt County Coal Fields.

UNION PACIFIC EARNINGS BIG

Over Eleven Per Cent on Common Stock for First Six Months of Fiscal Year—D. D. Mann of Canadian Northern.

The latest report in railroad circles is that the Northwestern will extend its Casper line into the Routt county coal fields of Colorado, and is now surveying for a line from Casper to Walcott, where it will connect with the Saratoga & Encampment road, a line forty-four miles long, recently completed by the Pann Wyoming Copper company.

"JES CAN'T FILL DAT HOSS"

Colored Man Tells Judge Crawford "Da Mo' He Gits de Skinnier He 'Peers."

"Da mo' ya feed dat hoss, da wussa' it peers to git. Ah b'lieve it'd eat a whole baio 'o hay an' den look skinnier 'n evva," recounted Charles Harris, colored, before Police Judge Crawford Tuesday morning.

MANY PEOPLE NEED TABLES.

A \$24 Table, \$5 Rocker, \$16 Mahogany Divan, \$15.05 Mahogany Stand.

Were four bargains which caused more or less confusion, as well as some amusement, at the annual February clearing sale of Miller, Stewart & Heaton Monday.

Englishman and His Employees.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to answer the editorial press committee of the newly sprung up union, that the public may see, drawn from their own statements, that the strike was not caused on account of wages.

Two Men Own Whole Road.

D. D. Mann, vice president of the Canadian Northern, the Harriman of Canada, was in Omaha for a short time Monday afternoon, arriving from the Pacific coast in his car "Albatross," and leaving in the evening for Chicago. He was met in Omaha by Herbert Vanderpool, publisher of the Canada West, a magazine exploiting the new country.

TWO BOYS CAUGHT IN THEFT

Two youthful offenders, one with a record, were captured Monday night by the juvenile court authorities in South Omaha. The boys were apprehended while stealing brasses from machinery in the Burlington round house. Morris Lomenager, 11 years of age, is the boy with the criminal record, and John Botsky, 14 years of age, is the other lad. Lomenager was sent to the county jail and Botsky to the Detention home. They will be given a hearing Saturday.

One Lad Had Already Served a Term in the State Reformatory of Illinois.

Lomenager came to Omaha direct from serving a two years' term in the Illinois State reformatory. Before that he was sentenced to two years in the Nebraska reformatory school, but escaped the second day.

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